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**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: **Friday, March 16, 2012**

10:00 A.M.

LOCATION: East Street Studios
 18880 North East St.
 Westfield, IN 46074

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Zartman (Training Institution)
 Charles Valentine (Municipal Fire)
 G. Lee Turpen II (Paramedic)
 Melanie Jane Craigin (Hospital EMS)
 Myron Mackey (EMTs)
 Gary Miller (Private Ambulance)
 Sue Dunham (Emergency Nurses)
 Terri Hamilton (Volunteer EMS)
 Rick Archer (Director of Preparedness & Training
 Designee)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Michael Lockard (General Public)
 Ed Gordon (Volunteer Fire EMS)
 Michael Olinger (Trauma Physicians)

OTHERS PRESENT: Bruce Bare, Mara Snyder, Judge Gary Bippus, IDHS Staff

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Gary Miller.

No action was needed by the Commission. No action was taken.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Commissioner Mackey to adopt the minutes of the January 20, 2012 meeting as written. Seconded by Commissioner Zartman. Motion passed.

State EMS Directors Report

The State EMS Director Archer announced that he met with Randy Seals, President of the Indiana EMS Association, on January 17, 2012, to discuss a wide variety of issues. Mr. Seals requested a meeting with IDHS Executive Director Wainscott to discuss the overall direction of EMS in Indiana. It was agreed to meet monthly to maintain communications with their group. The monthly meeting will include Commissioner Valentine who is also co-chair of the Indiana EMS section of the Indiana Fire Chiefs Association.

Director Archer also announced that Mr. Bruce Bare has met with John Ruckle from the Federal Aviation Association (FAA) to discuss air safety and certification issues for air ambulances. It was agreed the IDHS will notify the FAA of any inspections of an air ambulance provider that is completed by IDHS and vice-versa, in an effort to better monitor the air safety of air ambulance providers in Indiana. In addition, Director Archer stated that some of these inspections will happen jointly.

Director Archer met with IDHS IT staff to discuss strategy for importing EMS test banks into Acadis. They developed a plan for getting the exams into Acadis for use at the Ivy Tech testing centers.

Director Archer reported on a "Letter of Review" that will be issued by CoAEMSP to paramedic training institution applicants. With the increase in demand caused by the new NREMT requirement for accreditation, CoAEMSP reports that they cannot meet the demand for reviews. Provided that paramedic training institution applicants meet the conditions of the Letter of Review, students graduating from courses will be allowed to sit for the NREMT exams. This situation places Indiana in a difficult position. TIs must be accredited or obtain a waiver from the Commission so long as the TI is operating under the Letter of Review. It is likely paramedic TI applicants may have to be given multiple waivers to continue teaching.

STAFF REPORT

Certifications issued since last meeting (January 20, 2012)

Basic EMT	475
Advanced EMT	33
EVOC Drivers	40
EVOC Instructors	5
First Responder	102
Paramedics	76
Primary Instructors	8
Intermediate EMT	6
Extraction	0
Total	739

Staff Reports:

EMS PERSONNEL WAIVER REQUEST

The following requested a waiver of 836 IAC 4-5-2 (a)(D) deadline for completing Primary Instructor testing requirements. Staff recommended approval.

Cartee, Rusty	(PI)
Scott, Robert	(PI)

Commissioner Mackey offered a motion to approve the waivers for the length of time requested. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valentine. The motion was passed.

The following requested a waiver of 836 IAC 4-4-3 (b) to permit an extension of temporary EMT Basic certification. Staff recommended approval until April 30, 2012.

Shapiro, Jeremy (EMT)

Commissioner Valentine offered a motion to approve the waiver. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zartman. The motion was passed.

EMS PROVIDER WAIVER REQUEST

The following requested a waiver of 836 IAC 2-7.2-3 (d)(2)(D) Intermediate operating procedures, medications list to allow Intermediates to Transport IV antibiotics and Nitro drip and also to administer Zofran and Fentanyl. Staff had no recommendation.

Prompt Ambulance Central, INC.

Chairman Miller abstained. Commissioner Zartman offered a motion to approve the waiver allowing the use of Zofran and Fentanyl. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mackey. The motion passed.

Commissioner Zartman offered a motion to deny the waiver for the use of IV antibiotics and nitro drip. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mackey. The motion passed.

The following requested to renew an existing waiver of 836 IAC 2-7.2-1 (g) 1-4-1 staffing requiring a paramedic and EMT-Basic to make up an ALS transport crew. Spencer County is requesting the use of a first responder and a paramedic to make up the crew. They also requested to renew an existing waiver of 836 IAC 2-7.2-3 to allow EMT-Intermediates to administer Glucagon, Zofran and Benadryl. Staff had no recommendation.

Spencer County Emergency Services, INC.

Commissioner Mackey offered a motion to approve the renewal of the waivers. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valentine. The motion passed.

EMS TRAINING INSTITUTION WAIVER REQUEST

The following requested a waiver of 836 IAC 4-2-1 (g) requirement of Training Institutions to be accredited to teach paramedic courses. Staff recommends approval.

IVY Tech Community College- Richmond

Commissioner Valentine offered a motion to approve the waiver for IVY Tech-Richmond with the condition that they will report the progress of their status with CoAEMSP to the state every sixty (60) days. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Turpen. The motion passed.

IVY Tech Community College- Madison

Commissioner Valentine offered a motion to approve the waiver for IVY Tech- Madison with the condition that they will report the progress of their status with CoAEMSP to the state every sixty (60) days. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mackey. The motion passed.

INVESTIGATION REPORT

Report submitted for information purposes only:

January 2012 Compliance Report (November-December)

Investigations

Offender cases reviewed	28
Certifications Cleared	22

Denied	0
Revoked	0
Two year Probation	4
One year Probation	2
Personnel Investigations	6
Provider Investigations	4
Supervising Hospital Investigations	0
Training Institution Investigations	2

Compliance

Individual Certification Audits	88
Provider Audits	12
Training Institution Audits	0
Supervising Hospital Audits	0

No action required, none taken.

Mr. Bruce Bare also announced that he was resigning from IDHS, that his final day would be March 23, 2012, and that this would be his final EMS Commission meeting as part of IDHS. Mr. Bare received the gratitude from the Commission for his service to Indiana and the EMS Community.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS

Orders Issued

Order No. 0014-2012, Jacob Adkins

No action required, none taken

Order No. 0015-2012, Jason Corder

No action required, none taken

Order No. 0006-2012, Nicholas E Ford

No action required, none taken

Order No. 0008-2012, Joshua J. Lindquist

No action required, none taken

Order No. 0009-2012, Stephan M. Hall Sr.

No action required, none taken

Order No. 0013-2012, Kyle W. Okey

No action required, none taken

Order No. 0007-2012, Daniel Lee Pierce

No action required, none taken

Order No., 0067-2011, Tamara J. Ames

No action required, none taken

Order No. 0065-2011, Roscoe Meek

No action required, none taken

Order No. 0011-2012, Robert P. Thomas Jr.

No action required, none taken

Order No. 0005-2012, Robert Wanmer Jr.

No action required, none taken

Administrative hearing set for Hortio Nalls March 15, 2012 at 10:00 am at the Indiana Government Center South Room W246.

Administrative hearing set for William Cary March 19, 2012 at 10:00 am at the Indiana Government Center South Room W246.

Administrative Law Judge Decisions

Stephen Sikora-Probation termination

Commissioner Mackey made a motion to affirm Judge Bippus's non-final order to end Mr. Sikora's probation order. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valentine. The motion passed.

DATA REGISTRY REPORT

No report

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mr. Michael McNutt reported that the TAC Committee completed their review of the EMT Basic Advanced certification level. The TAC Committee had presented three options at a previous meeting.

Mr. McNutt also reported on the progress of the TAC Committee's review of the Primary Instructor course and exam. He reported that the sub-committee is close to completing the rewrite of the Primary Instructor exam; they have three more modules to complete. Mr. McNutt stated that he believed they will have the rewrite completed within the next few months.

Commissioner Zartman made a motion to accept the TAC Committee report on the Primary Instructor exam and also to accept option three (3), the creation and implementation of the bridge course from the Basic Advanced EMT to AEMT certification level. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Turpin. The motion passed.

Commissioner Zartman made a motion to lower the Primary Instructor passing score from eighty percent (80%) to a seventy-five percent (75%) temporarily (until the new Primary instructor exam is completed and implemented) and also to make the lowering of the score retro-active for one (1) year. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Turpin. The motion passed.

EMS FOR CHILDREN

Dr. Weinstein reported that they have an event coming up EMSC Day on May 23, 2012. The organization wants to honor individuals who have provided excellent care to children during the year. There were forms available at the meeting or on the new web site www.indianaemsc.org. Nominations can be emailed to sastout@iupui.edu, but must be received no later than April 5, 2012.

No action required, none taken.

FIELD SERVICES REPORT

Ms. Robin Stump reported on the progress of the development of the District Task Forces. Ms. Stump stated that most districts have made progress and that District 6 and a few others are up and running. Ms. Stump also announced

that there is a State District Response Task Force deployment exercise April 23-27, 2012.

No action required, none taken.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Don West from IDHS presented information regarding the narrow- banding migration schedule required by the FCC. The schedule has been communicated to providers through electronic and written mail to the distribution list of Indiana Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC).

Chairman Miller inquired about the status of letting private ambulance services have access the Hoosier Safety Radio. Randy Fox from the Integrated Public Safety Commission stated that there is discussion about getting all EMS providers on the state 800 system. Chairman Miller requested that the EMS Commission be kept up to date. Randy Fox stated that he would do so. Randy Seals with the Indiana Emergency Medical Services Association stated that the Association would support all EMS providers having access to the state's 800MHz system.

No action required, none taken.

Legal Counsel Mara Snyder stated that the EMS Commission did not make a motion to form the sub-committee to review the BLS-Non-Transport rules and regulations that was formed at the last EMS Commission meeting and that the sub-committee needed to be ratified.

Director Archer made a motion to ratify the sub-committee and named Commissioner Valentine as the Chairman of that committee. Director Archer amended his motion to include an IDHS staff member to be named by Chief of Staff Garvey. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zartman. The motion passed.

Mr. Bare gave an update on the development of a Hazmat course for EMS. He stated that the NFPA 472 hazmat course should be the minimum standard according to IOSHA. Mr. Bare also spoke about putting the Hazmat course on the IDHS First Responder Learning Management System. He also stated that he has been working on webinars for Training Institutions, Providers, and Supervising Hospitals.

Director Archer made a motion to modify the EMT Basic course requirements to include 2008 472 Hazmat Awareness basic training and modify the EMT Basic written exam to reflect these changes by January 1, 2013. This motion was modified to include the First Responder course and exam. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mackey. The motion passed. Commissioner Turpin made a motion to continue Mr. Bare's project in developing new programs for EMS to be used through the First Responders Learning Management System. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zartman. The motion passed.

Legal Counsel Snyder gave an update on the trauma transport rule. Ms. Snyder stated that the Attorney General's office has required a new fiscal impact statement study must be done resulting in the recall of the proposed rule. A new public hearing has been set for April 17, 2012 at 10 am at the Indiana Government Center in Conference Room 14.

No action required, none taken at this time.

Mr. Bare gave the agency interpretation of the requirement of who must be certified as a BLS non-transport provider. Mr. Bare stated that the rules define a BLS Non-transport service that needs to be certified as a service that is responding to 911 calls on a regular basis to the community. Also he advised that a service that is regularly providing patient care needs to be under a Medical Director's guidance. Commissioner Turpin suggested that the next time we rewrite of the regulation for Non-Transport providers that we leave out the definition.

No action required, none taken.

Commissioner Zartman reported on the review of Mr. Lawrence Mudd's case. The sub-committee recommends that IDHS impose a fine of \$500 for "lying" on

his recertification application and a two year probation period once he is eligible for recertification.

Commissioner Zartman made a motion to have IDHS agency to impose a \$500 fine on Mr. Mudd for the violation of "lying" on his application for recertification, and a two (2) year probation period once he is eligible for recertification. The fine must be paid prior to the certification being issued. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mackey. The motion passed.

Mr. Bare presented new material on Ms. Jodi Lynn Bassett's waiver request from the last Commission meeting.

Commissioner Valentine made a motion to allow a six month extension for Ms. Bassett to complete her continuing education requirements to recertify her paramedic certification. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zartman. The motion passed.

Mr. Bare gave an update on the BLS 12 lead pilot study that is going to take place in Parke and Vermillion counties. The waiver was pending Intramural Research Program (IRP) approval. Mr. Bare stated that they had submitted the request for the study to IRP for approval. Chairman Miller received notification during the meeting that the approval came through for the study.

No action required, none taken.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Bare reviewed the IC Code regarding EMS Commissioners and the TAC committee members claiming travel and reimbursement for the meetings. The same policy will be reviewed with the TAC Committee members at the next TAC meeting.

No action required, none taken.

Mr. Bare reported on a growing issue of drug shortages. Ms. Mara Snyder is going to draft a non-rule policy giving guidance as to how services can handle the issue to adopt at the May Commission meeting.

No action required, none taken.

Director Archer announced that the definition of IV pumps and ventilators is being tabled until the May meeting due to it needing to be two separate non-rule policies instead of one.

No action required, none taken.

Chief of Staff Mike Garvey reviewed the legislation bills HB1052, HB1114, HB1186, SB 0224, SB 0371, SB0389 that were been passed during this legislation session that concerns the Emergency Medical Services community. Chief of Staff Garvey thanked Faril Ward, Terri Hamilton, and Randy Seals for their help by testifying during the legislation session to help pass some of the bills.

No action required, none taken.

Mr. Art Miller reported on initiatives from the American Heart Association on STEMI systems. They would like to see regional protocols established. Mr. Miller also announced that Indiana was able to receive grants for training. If there are questions please contact Mr. Miller at art.miller@heart.org.

No action required, none taken.

CHAIRMAN DIRECTION

Chairman Miller directed staff to draft a letter to Yellow Ambulance, Mr. Mudd's employer, advising against telling an employee how to answer questions on their applications, due to it being "alleged" that they have done so in the past.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The next EMS Commission meeting will be held on May 18, 2012 at 10:00 am

IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital
2401 University Avenue
Muncie, IN 47303

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:53 p.m.

Approved _____
Gary Miller, Chairman

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